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#### Central Committee Session

The regular spring plenum of the party central committee begins today. The agenda includes reports on foreign affairs, education, and "the status of the working class."

The last topic will likely be a review of the numerous measures taken over the last year that have improved the economic standing of important segments of the industrial labor force, especially blue collar workers in large enterprises. This will help to undercut the arguments of some conservative critics, who contended during 1972 that the comparative economic disadvantage of these worker segments had weakened the "leading role of the working class."

The session will also discuss "questions connected with the organizational life of the party," and may review the status of the cadre measures approved last fall. In line with the policy of increased retirements, the government recently announced the shuffling of some more deputy ministers.

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#### Journey to an Exotic Place

Alois Indra, Presidium member and Chairman of the Federal Assembly, left yesterday for India at the head of a parliamentary delegation. When asked in an airport interview about the purpose of the trip, Indra said that "in our country, India is enshrouded in all sorts of exotic ideas," but its positions on all international political questions are either identical to Prague's or very close. Indra added that the members of the two parliaments would "exchange experiences from parliamentary practice; it is always good to learn something new whenever

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